GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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LICENSES FOR IMPORTING CHEMICALS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a)the names of the companies/drug companies which were given licenses to import chemicals along with the type of chemicals they were authorized to import;

(b) whether requisitions of these companies regarding import of chemicals had been analysed before awarding licenses to them;

(c) if so, the details and the names of such companies and quantum of chemicals imported by them during each of the last three years and the current year along with the value thereof;

(d) whether any complaints have been received by the Government against these companies;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(f) whether these companies were given any concession; and

(g) if so, the names of these companies aiong with the criteria fixed for giving such concession to them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY.OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): Drug Industry are broadly spelt out under Chapter 29 and 30 of ITC (HS) Classifications of Export and Import Items. Most of these items are free and therefore, no licence is required. However, for few Chemicals which are under Restricted List the cases are decided by Export Facilitation Committee which comprises of representatives of various Departments.

For export purposes the Companies are given licenses under Duty Exemption Scheme for import of required Chemicals for export of drugs. Chemicals allowed for import are linked to the export product i.e. those Chemicals which are necessary for the export of particular drugs are allowed under Duty Exemption Scheme.

(c) The information is available on DGFT website (dgft.gov.in).

(d) & (e): This Department has not received any such specific complaint. However, as and when any complaint is received against any importer action is taken by the Customs under Customs Act, 1962 and by the licensing authority under Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.

(f) & (g): The exemption from duties on imported item is given to the import as per the Foreign Trade Policy and Custom and Excise Act.